

Bedfordshire County Football League



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The Bedfordshire County Football League 2009-10 season kicked off with reigning champions Caldecote making the perfect start to the defence of their title with a 4-1 away win at Sharnbrook. Two goals from Paul Lawrence plus a strike from Tom Wallace saw them lead 3-0 at the half-time break before an Adam Cochrane goal briefly brought the home side back into the contest until Lawrence completed his hattrick late on for the 4-1 scoreline.

Last seasons runners-up Campton were however made to fight that much harder for their three points in a 3-2 win over Oakley Sports. The home side without the services of five of their leading players including their deadly strike force of Gary Gibson and Andrew Hayday did grab the lead via Alex Toye 22minutes into the game but by half-time a John Hislop penalty had the game all square. Ben Brown then shot the visitors ahead 20minutes from time, that lead was to last just five minutes before Alan Gilchirst levelled matters. That's the way it looked likely to stay until with just two minutes remaining Mark Legatta came up with the winner as he latched onto a cross from fellow Oakley oldboy Ollie Houseden.

For the two league newcomers, it was an afternoon of mixed fortunes. Biggleswade United thanks to a Matthew McCartney goal on the hour mark and an own goal from Sam Lewis 15minutes later won 2-0 at Dunton. Whilst Southill Alexander were going down to a 1-2 home defeat against newly promoted Woburn. Matt Holland shooting The Safari Boys ahead after ten minutes which Nick Skolsky doubled to 2-0 on the half-hour mark before the home reply came via Maro Capontes ten minutes into the second period.

The day's topflight scorers however were Blunham. 8-2 home winners over last seasons Division One champions Westoning Recreation Club. The game was all over by half-time as Blunham raced into a 6-0 lead. Leading the scoring was Andy Smith with a hattrick including one from the penalty spot. He was supported by a brace from Matty McMahon plus a strike from Barrington Belgrave. An Ian Buckingham penalty plus a goal from Ollie Summers inside the opening 15minutes of the new period was to bring the scoreline back to 6-2 until both Smith and Belgrave netted again to bring up the final home tally up to eight.

Over at Hillgrounds hosts AFC Kempston Town found themselves trailing Riseley Sports 0-2 at half-time following goals from Matt Haynes and Tony Graham. But

they were to change things around in the second period to run out 4-2 winners. Justin Patterson netting twice alongside Danny Pilgrim and James Allen.



Blunham FC 8-2 winners over Westoning Recreation Club

Division One

For both of last seasons relegated clubs Bedford Sports Athletic and Henlow, it was an opening day win in their quest to return to the top flight at the first time of asking. Goals from Ashley Mead and Asa Mead against a reply from Nigel Drummond taking Bedford Sports Athletic into a 2-1 half-time lead over AFC Kempston Town Reserves until a second period brace of goals from Darren Allen had them 4-1 clear by the final whistle. For Henlow it just required a single goal from Jo Fallano to gain the three points in a 1-0 win away at Caldecote Reserves.

Last seasons Division Two champions Blunham Reserves after leading with a goal from Daniel Whitten in the opening minute then needed to twice come from behind to salvage a point away at FC Meppershall. Goalkeeper Barry Ulyatt from the penalty spot levelling matters at 2-2 on the hour mark before a late Lee Arnold strike saw them earn their point in a 3-3 draw.

Another of the newly promoted clubs Leighton United were however fairing much better with a 4-2 home win over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. Simon Woolhead shooting United ahead, but by the break Gary Fil had levelled matters. A goal from Robbie Greenwood early in the second period placed United back in front until up

popped Fil again to make it 2-2. But it was to be United's day with further goals from Adam Barker and Asim Munir to earn the three points.

For Flitwick Town it was a 2-0 away victory at Stevington. Jim Lewis netting after just one minute and then Town's new skipper Shuan Woodcraft added a second 14minutes later. Meanwhile, Sandy won 2-1 at home over Campton Reserves. Chris Cooper shooting the home side ahead until Dan Mabbot levelled matters in the second period only to see Ian Hammitt come up with the home winner.

Division Two

The day's top scoreline belonged to Potton Wanderers 11-0 home winners over Elstow Abbey. Danny Fox netting five times alongside braces of goals from Ricky Aris, Sam Worthington and James Hearson. However for Arlesey Social Galacticos it required just a opening half goal from Gary Jackson to earn them the three points with a 1-0 home win over Clifton.

For Bedford Hatters it was a 3-0 win at Great Barford. Rob Hewitt, Ryan Grant and Scott Alleyne netting the goals. Also winning on the road were Luton Old Boys and Brache Sparta Community Reserves. The Old Boys with four goals from Samuel Kehinde and strikes from Glodi Kwene and Levi Baikpon winning 6-3 at Shillington whose replies came via Sam Larsen twice and Shannan Khan. The home sides cause not being helped by the sending off of goalkeeper Craig Donachie for an handball offence outside his box when the scoreline was just 1-1 and the game just 20minutes old. Brache Sparta meanwhile won 4-2 at Kings AFC. Martin Collins netting twice alongside Alex Igori and Nathan Prime against home replies from Rowan Hazelwood and Oliver Pleastead.

Another club to have their goalkeeper sent off were Marabese Ceramics who lost 5-0 at Shefford Town. The Town with goals from Tom Scurfield and Adam Spoons led 2-0 at the break and after The Tilermens goalkeeper had be dismissed on the hour mark further goals followed from Simon Longman, Sam Welton and Scurfield to bring up the nap hand.

The days final game bringing about a 3-2 home win for Kempston Royals over league newcomers Harpur FC. Liam Boland twice plus Claudio Jordan on The Royals scoresheet against replies from Fabrizio Cataldo and Nico De Vries.

Preview for Saturday 5th September

In the Premier Division supported by Sportsform the two outstanding games appear to be the Moggerhanger Playing Fields local derby clash between hosts Blunham and visitors Caldecote whilst just down the road on The Green, Ickwell & Old Warden entertain Campton.

For Woburn, it's a start to their home campaign at Crawley Road when Renhold United come calling. Whilst Southill Alexander face their first away trip of the campaign when they journey to Horseshoes Close to face Dunton.

Over at Hillgrounds, AFC Kempston Town are at home for the second consecutive weekend, this week hosting Westoning Recreation Club whilst Meltis Corinthians open their seasons campaign at Miller Road with a visit from Sharnbrook.

The days other two top flight games coming at Gold Street, the venue for Riseley Sports home contest with Biggleswade United Reserves and at Jubilee Playing Fields where Wilshamstead will play hosts to Oakley Sports.

In Division One, its derby action at Harvey Close where Caldecote Reserves will face Blunham Reserves whilst near neighbours Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves hit the road to Rectory Close for a meeting with Campton Reserves.

For both Leighton United and Bedford Sports Athletic, it's a second consecutive weekend at home. United hosting Flitwick Town at Stanbridge Road, whilst Mowsbury Park is the venue for Athletic's home fixture with Stevington. Mowsbury Park also being the venue for FC Meppershall Division One game with their visitors AFC Kempston Town Reserves.

Other action in this division takes place at Groveside. Where Henlow entertain Kempston Hammers Sports, at Cutler Hammer where Kempston entertain Meltis Albion, whilst Marston Playing Fields is the venue for Marston Social clash with Sandy.

Division Two action starts with an 11am kick off at Foxdell Recreation Club where Brache Sparta Community Reserves will be hosting Shillington. While just down the road at Chaul End. You could see the match of the day in this division when Luton Old Boys host the travelling Bedford Hatters at the normal 2.30pm kick off.

A third game of the afternoon taking place in Mowsbury Park is Great Barford home clash with Elstow Abbey. Whilst Hillgrounds is the venue for the clash between Kempston Royals and Shefford Town and Mill Lane the destination Marston Shelton Rovers head for to meet hosts Potton Wanderers.

For all Division Three sides it's the start of their seasons. At Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports face Wilshamstead Reserves. Dunton Reserves hit the road to Renhold Playing Fields for a meeting with Renhold Village, whilst at Bedford Road Recreation Ground. Sandy Reserves will be in home action against Riseley Sports Reserves.

The days other two fixtures coming at Luton Regional Sports Centre where league newcomers Stopsley Park host Caldecote A and at Greenfield Road where Westoning Recreation Club Reserves will entertain Queens Park Crescents.

In Division Four, its also the start of the season and for four of the league newcomers its games against each other. At Whiston Crescent, Clifton Reserves host Thurleigh and at Lodge Road, Sharnbrook Reserves entertain Bedford Park Rangers.

Over at Hinksley Recreation Ground, Dinamo Flitwick start life in the league with a visit from Stewartby Village. Whilst less than a mile away at Steppingley Road, Flitwick Town Reserves will be in home action against M&DH Oakley.

The day's final action in this section coming in Hillgrounds where Kempston Athletic hosting a visit from Sundon Park Rangers.

A Warning to all Team Managers.

No matter how bad your results are, please be warned just what fate could be awaiting you just around the corner if you decide to quit.

Just ask Roy Hayday from Campton FC, during the last two seasons he has led his club to a Premier Division supported by Sportsform title plus last season helped them to the runners-up spot, now his duties lie elsewhere as the photo below taken at a pre-season friendly game shows.



Club Linesman or applying for a job with Easyjet the choice is yours Roy..